



Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump speaks about his GOP rivals at his South Carolina campaign kickoff rally held in Bluffton, S.C., Tuesday, July 21, 2015. (AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton) Page 4

Donald Trump Ratchets Up Republican Rivalry



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Ohio Governor Kasich is 16th entry into GOP race

JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)

— Ohio's John Kasich, a blunt Republican governor known for defying his party, on Tuesday became the 16th notable Republican contestant to enter the U.S. 2016 presidential race.

Kasich joined an unusually diverse Republican lineup with two Hispanics, an African-American, one woman and several younger candidates alongside older white men such as Kasich, 63, and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, 62.

"I am here to ask you for your prayers, for your support, for your efforts because I have decided to run for president," Kasich said in a scattered 43-minute speech packed with family anecdotes, historical references and calls for national renewal.

A veteran congressman as

well as second-term governor, Kasich told voters he is the only Republican can-

He also spent nearly a decade at Lehman Brothers. "I have the experience



Ohio Gov. John Kasich announces he is running for the 2016 Republican party's nomination for president during a campaign rally at Ohio State University, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio. Kasich, a two-term governor and former congressman, has little name recognition in the crowded GOP field, but he is already airing television ads in New Hampshire where he is heading immediately after making his run official.
(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

didate with experience in three broad areas of political leadership — the federal budget, national security and state government.

and the testing," he said, "the testing which shapes you and prepares you for the most important job in the world and I believe

I know how to work and help restore this great United States."

Kasich ran for president once before, briefly seeking the 2000 nomination after he helped seal a federal balanced budget deal as House Budget chairman in 1997.

Known for his scrappy political style, Kasich has demonstrated a willingness to buck his own party when practical. Unlike other Republican governors in the crowded presidential field, he departed from Republican orthodoxy to expand a government health care coverage program for low-income people in line with President Barack Obama's federal health care reform law.

Kasich declared his candidacy at Ohio State University, where as a freshman political science major in 1970, he audaciously wrote a letter that landed him a

20-minute audience with President Richard Nixon.

The man who once figuratively told lobbyists to get on his bus or he'd run them over and who called a police officer an "idiot" helped erase a budget deficit projected at nearly \$8 billion when he entered office, boost Ohio's rainy-day fund to a historic high and seen private-sector employment rebound to its post-recession level. This, through budget cutting, privatization of parts of Ohio's government and other, often business-style innovations. Kasich, who is currently lagging at the bottom of early national polls, faces an immediate challenge to qualify for the first Republican debate. That faceoff takes place next month in his home-state city of Cleveland and only the top 10 candidates in national polling will be invited. □



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Donald Trump ratchets up Republican rivalry

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Associated Press

BLUFFTON, South Carolina (AP) — Donald Trump

pushed back ever harder Tuesday against Republicans fed up with his provocations, disclosing one rival presidential candidate's mobile number in a fiery speech that escalated his feuding with his own party.

Fellow 2016 Republican presidential contender Sen. Lindsey Graham, whose phone number Trump read to an audience, called him a "jackass," only to see floods of Trump supporters jam his phone line.

Trump is now at odds with much of the Republican establishment after a series of incendiary comments, topped by his weekend mocking of Sen. John McCain's experience as a tortured prisoner of war in Vietnam.

Since then the real estate developer and reality TV host has intensified his criticism of McCain and his record on veterans issues in the Senate even as politicians from both parties and veterans groups have rushed to his defense.

Trump, although doing well in recent polls, is still



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at his South Carolina campaign kickoff rally in Bluffton, S.C., Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

(AP Photo/Stephen B. Morton)

considered a longshot among the crowded field of candidates for the Republican Party nomination. But in this early stage of the campaign, at least, the attention on Trump has drawn the spotlight away from presumed favorites such as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. In a speech to hundreds of supporters in South Carolina on Tuesday, Trump kept up the drumbeat, accusing

McCain of being soft on illegal immigration. "He's totally about open borders and all this stuff," Trump said. McCain sparked Trump's temper last week when he said his inflammatory remarks about Mexican immigrants had brought out the "crazies." And, he said Tuesday he would no longer respond to Trump's comments. Republican leaders and other 2016 candidates have been

frustrated by Trump's brash campaign, which has often overshadowed their own in recent weeks. But many Trump backers in early-voting states argue the exchange is being overblown by the media and his opponents, who fear his sudden rise in early polls. Even many non-Trump supporters doubted the latest controversy would hurt his appeal among a slice of the electorate that is deeply frustrated with the

Washington establishment and finds his unvarnished persona refreshing.

Graham, a McCain friend and one of the 16 notable Republicans running for the presidential nomination, betrayed the growing exasperation and anger of many in the party when he appeared earlier on "CBS This Morning."

"Don't be a jackass," Graham said. "Run for president. But don't be the world's biggest jackass."

He said Trump had "crossed the line with the American people" and predicted this would be "the beginning of the end with Donald Trump."

Trump responded during his speech by calling Graham an "idiot" and a "lightweight." He then held up a piece of paper and read out the senator's cell phone number to the capacity crowd of 540 people and the TV audience. "Give it a shot," Trump encouraged. "He won't fix anything, but I think he'll talk to you."

Graham's voice mailbox was full Tuesday afternoon, said spokeswoman Brittany Brammell. Graham tweeted later: "Probably getting a new phone. iPhone or Android?" □

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Lynch visits Connecticut on community policing tour



Attorney General Loretta Lynch, right, speaks as East Haven Police Chief Brent Larrabee, left, listens, during a community policing tour, Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in East Haven, Conn. Lynch is in Connecticut to highlight improvements in relations between police and Latinos since four officers were arrested in 2012 on abuse charges. (AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

DAVE COLLINS
Associated Press

EAST HAVEN, Conn. (AP)

— A Connecticut town whose police force had a history of mistreating Latinos has transformed itself into a model for improving relations between police and the community, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Tuesday. Lynch spoke with community members, police officers and federal authorities at East Haven High School, highlighting efforts by the town's police to improve ties with residents after a federal probe found discrimination by town officers.

"It is our hope that cities and jurisdictions that are still struggling with these issues ... will look at East Haven and take heart and see that, in fact, things can improve," the attorney general said. "It is our hope that other community groups that may feel voiceless ... will look at East Haven and see that they can empower themselves, that they can raise issues of concern."

Repeating comments she made during the first stop of her six-city tour in Cincinnati in May, Lynch called mistrust between communities and law enforcement "the issue of our times." Af-

ter deaths of black men at the hands of police in Baltimore, South Carolina and Ferguson, Missouri, the issue is in the national forefront, she said.

Justice Department officials say Lynch's tour builds on President Barack Obama's pledge to improve police-community relations. Recommendations by a task force Obama created in December include more community policing and officer training.

Latinos in East Haven and a federal monitor have said there has been a remarkable turnaround at the police department since 2012, when local officials signed a consent decree that required wide-ranging reforms. The agreement resolved allegations by the Justice Department that officers regularly used excessive force against Latinos and retaliated against those who witnessed police misconduct or criticized officers.

"It's definitely very different, in a positive way," said Marcia Chacon, a native of Ecuador and East Haven resident who owns a small grocery store where police were accused of carrying out illegal searches and a false arrest. "Prior to this, we didn't have any confidence in reaching

out to the police in order to get help."

East Haven Deputy Police Chief Ed Lennon said the department has taken a number of steps including holding regular community meetings, having school-based officers check on

children and creating a citizens' police academy. He also said the department has made efforts to be more transparent, including requiring all officers to wear body cameras.

In 2013, officials in the shoreline town of nearly 30,000 residents — where about one in 10 is Latino — agreed to pay \$450,000 to settle a civil rights lawsuit by Latino residents. A separate federal criminal investigation led to the 2012 arrests of four East Haven police officers, who were convicted and sentenced to prison.

Despite the improvements, East Haven police still have work to do, including fulfilling the remaining requirements in the consent decree, said Michael Wishnie, a Yale Law School professor who represented the plaintiffs in the civil rights lawsuit.

"The kinds of structural racism and practices that have long existed in East Haven take a long time to change," Wishnie said. "I think it's far too soon to claim victory." □

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Tennessee Lawyer: Shooter's uncle detained in Jordan

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Associated Press
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP)

— An uncle of the man who killed four Marines and a sailor in Tennessee has been in custody in Jordan since a day after the at-

was detained. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case with the media. Abdulazeer spent several months in Jordan last year under a mutual agreement with his parents to help him

pecially following the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011. Abdulazeer stayed with the uncle in Jordan, but only to help him with his small cellphone business, the attorney said. Neither Abdulazeer nor his uncle was religious or belonged to any sort of political organization, al-Khateeb said.

"The uncle is a regular person, he has a company, he is a businessman, he has no relation with any militant group or organization," al-Khateeb said. "He cares about his work and his family, and Muhammad is just his relative, the son of his sister. That's it."

Al-Khateeb is a prominent attorney and member of the Freedom Committee of the Muslim Brotherhood, the oldest and largest opposition group in Jordan. The Brotherhood is part of a regional movement of the same name. In Jordan, it has distanced itself from the Islamic State extremist group. In the U.S., authorities are struggling to understand Abdulazeer's motive. Investigators have described their search as a domestic terrorism probe. According to a U.S. official familiar with the probe, investigators have found writings from Abdulazeer that reference Anwar al-Awlaki, a U.S.-born cleric who encouraged and inspired attacks on the homeland and was killed in a U.S. drone strike in September 2011. The official was not authorized to discuss by name an ongoing investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

However, investigators have said they have not found evidence that Abdulazeer was specifically directed by someone to carry out the attacks. □



Abed al-Kader Ahmad al-Khateeb, a lawyer of Asaad Ibrahim Asaad Haj Ali, an uncle of the Chattanooga attacker, Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeer, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Amman, Jordan, Tuesday, July 21, 2015. The uncle of Abdulazeer, who killed four Marines and a sailor in attacks on Tennessee military sites last week, has been in custody in Jordan since a day after the attack, the lawyer said Tuesday. (AP Photo/Raad Adayleh)

tacks on two military sites, a lawyer said Tuesday. Abed al-Kader Ahmad al-Khateeb told The Associated Press that he was barred from seeing his client and that family members were also prevented from visiting the detainee. Computers and cellphones were taken from the man's home, but he has not been charged with anything, the attorney said.

Al-Khateeb identified his client as Asaad Ibrahim Asaad Haj Ali, a maternal uncle of the Chattanooga attacker, Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeer.

A Jordanian official said Tuesday that he is sure the uncle and "other relevant people" in Jordan were being questioned, but he would not elaborate and or confirm that the uncle

get away from drugs, alcohol and a group of friends they considered to be a bad influence, according to a person close to his family. That person also spoke on condition of anonymity, out of concern it would have business repercussions.

Relatives turned to Jordan after their health insurer refused to approve an in-patient treatment program for Abdulazeer's addictions to drug and alcohol, the person said.

An FBI spokesman has declined to comment on that information.

Jordan is one of the most Westernized countries in the Middle East, with alcohol sold openly. However, the kingdom has also seen the spread of Islamic militant ideas in recent years, es-

U.S. airstrike kills senior Khorasan Group leader

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AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. airstrike in Syria has killed a key figure in a dangerous al-Qaida offshoot, the Defense Department said Tuesday.

Muhsin al-Fadhli was killed in a July 8 air attack while traveling in a vehicle near Sarmada, Syria, Pentagon spokesman Capt. Jeff Davis said in a statement. Davis did not further elaborate on the nature of the air strike, such as whether al-Fadhli was killed by a drone or a piloted aircraft.

Al-Fadhli was a leader of the Khorasan Group, a cadre of al-Qaida operatives who were sent from Pakistan to Syria to plot attacks on the West. Officials say the Khorasan Group is embedded in the al Nusra front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate.

Previously based in Iran, al-Fadhli was the subject of a \$7 million reward by the State Department for information leading to his capture or death. He had been falsely reported as having been killed last fall.

Davis noted that he was "among the few trusted al-Qaida leaders that received advanced notification of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks."

Al-Fadhli was also involved in October 2002 attacks against U.S. Marines on Faylaka Island in Kuwait and on the French ship MV Limburg, Davis said.

"His death will degrade and disrupt ongoing external operations of al-Qaida against the United States and our allies and partners."

Officials have said that the Khorasan militants were sent to Syria by al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahiri to recruit Europeans and Americans whose passports allow them to board a U.S.-bound airliner with less scrutiny from security officials.

According to classified U.S. intelligence assessments, the Khorasan militants have been working with bomb-makers from al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate to test new ways to slip explosives past airport security. Officials feared the Khorasan militants would provide these sophisticated explosives to their Western recruits who could sneak them onto U.S.-bound flights.

Because of intelligence about the collaboration among the Khorasan group, al-Qaida's Yemeni bomb-makers and Western extremists, the Transportation Security Administration decided last July to ban uncharged mobile phones and laptops from flights to the U.S. that originated in Europe and the Middle East. The Khorasan group remains a threat, American officials said. Its existence demonstrates that core al-Qaida in Pakistan can still threaten the West, despite the damage done to that organization by years of drone missile strikes. A seasoned, knowledgeable and dangerous terrorist who actively sought to harm the United States and its allies has been taken off the battlefield for good," said Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, noting that al-Fadhli will not be easily replaced. □

US: Texas woman's jail death investigated as murder

MICHAEL GRACZYK

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) —

A U.S. prosecutor said the death of a black woman whose family disputes authorities' finding that she hanged herself in a jail cell is being examined as a murder investigation.

Attorney Elton Mathis said Monday that there are many unanswered questions about the death of Sandra Bland, who died three days after a confrontational traffic stop. Bland's death comes after nearly a year of heightened national scrutiny of police and their dealings with black suspects who have been killed by officers.

Authorities have said the 28-year-old woman hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag July 13.

It's "much too early to make any kind of determination that this was a suicide or a murder because the investigations are not complete," Mathis said.

He said he's asked for ex-

tensive scientific testing, including for fingerprints and DNA, "so we can figure out and say with certainty what happened in that cell."

Although a medical examiner has ruled Bland's death a suicide, supporters insist she was upbeat and looking forward to a new job. Bland's family and clergy members have called for a Justice Department probe, and an independent autopsy has been ordered.

Bland posted a video to her Facebook page in March, saying she was suffering from "a little bit of depression as well as PTSD," or post-traumatic stress disorder. Family members have said nothing in her background suggested she was mentally troubled, and at least one friend said she was just venting after a bad day.

Bland's sister, Shante Needham, has said Bland called her from jail the afternoon after her arrest, complaining an officer



State Sen. Royce West, left, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick talk as state and local officials gather for an inquiry into the death of Sandra Bland on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in Houston. Bland, a 28-year-old African American woman, was arrested July 10, after being stopped by a Department of Public Safety trooper for failing to signal a lane change. A DPS spokesman said she was arrested after becoming "uncooperative" and kicking the trooper. Three days later, she was found hanging from a ligature in her cell made from a plastic bag. Bland's family disputes authorities' finding that she hanged herself in a jail cell. (Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle via AP)

had placed his knee in her arm had been broken. her back and she thought The Department of Public

Safety has said Bland "became argumentative and uncooperative" during the traffic stop. Paramedics were called to the scene but Bland refused a medical evaluation, authorities said.

Bland "was very combative," Mathis said. "It was not a model traffic stop ... and it was not a model person that was stopped." A mobile phone video posted online purporting to include part of Bland's arrest shows an officer pinning a woman to the ground with one knee. At one point the woman can be heard yelling that she can't "feel my arm."

"You just slammed my head into the ground," she says. "Do you not even care about that?" □

Court overturns some Blagojevich Senate-seat convictions: Officials

MICHAEL TARM

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal appeals court Tuesday overturned some of the most sensational convictions that sent former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich off to a lengthy term in prison, ruling that the Democrat did not break the law when he sought to secure a Cabinet position in President Barack Obama's administration in exchange for appointing an Obama adviser to the president's former U.S. Senate seat.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago also ordered the resentencing of Blagojevich, offering the 58-year-old a ray of hope that he could end up serving less than his original 14-year term. He has served more than three years so far.

The three appellate judges dismissed five of 15 corruption counts Blagojevich was convicted of.

But the panelists also suggested the original sentence wasn't necessarily extreme, even when factoring in the newly tossed convictions.

The unanimous ruling addressed a key question: Where is the line between legal and illegal political wheeling and dealing? The panel's answer: When it came to Blagojevich's attempt to land a Cabinet seat, he did not cross the line. His attempts to trade the Senate seat for campaign cash, however, were illegal, the court concluded.

Blagojevich floated the idea of a Cabinet job in exchange for appointing Obama friend and adviser Valerie Jarrett to Obama's vacant Senate seat. After Blagojevich's arrest, the seat went to Roland Burris, who served less than two years before Republican Mark Kirk was elected as his successor in the heavily Democratic state. □

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World mayors at Vatican urge 'bold climate agreement'



Pope Francis greets Rome Mayor Ignazio Marino as he meets mayors gathered in the Synod Hall during a conference on Modern Slavery and Climate Change at the Vatican, Tuesday, July 21, 2015. Next to Marino, at left, is Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, at his right is New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and between the two, one row back is Boston Mayor Marty Walsh.
(AP Photo/L'Osservatore Romano, Pool)

NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Mayors from around the world declared Tuesday that climate change is real, man-made and must be stopped as a matter of moral imperative, gathering at the Vatican to announce new measures to fight global warming and bask in Pope Francis' ecological star power. The Vatican invited the 60 mayors to a two-day conference to keep up pressure on world leaders ahead of U.N. climate negotiations in Paris later this year. The meeting also aimed to promote Francis' environment encyclical, which denounced what he calls a fossil fuel-based world economy that exploits the poor and destroys the Earth.

One by one, the mayors lined up to sign a final declaration stating that "human-induced climate change is a scientific reality and its effective control is a moral imperative for humanity."

Francis told the gathering that he had "a lot of hope" that the Paris negotiations would succeed, but also warned the mayors: "You are the conscience of humanity."

Experts have long said that cities are key to reducing global warming since urban areas account for nearly three-quarters of human emissions. Mayor after mayor made an individual plea Tuesday for the world to change its ways.

Drawing rousing applause, California Gov. Jerry Brown denounced global warming deniers who he said were "bamboozling" the public and politicians with false information to persuade them that the world isn't getting warmer. California has enacted the toughest greenhouse gas emissions standards in North America.

"We have a very powerful opposition that, at least in my country, spends billions on trying to keep from office people such as yourselves and elect troglodytes and other deniers of

the obvious science," said Brown, a former Jesuit seminarian.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced new greenhouse gas emissions targets for the Big Apple — committing the city to reducing its emissions 40 percent by 2030 — and urged other cities to follow suit.

"The Paris summit is just months away," de Blasio said. "We need to see it as the finish line of a sprint, and take every local action we can in the coming months to maximize the chance that our national governments will act boldly."

De Blasio is a founding member of an alliance of world cities that have committed to reducing emissions by 80 percent by 2050 or sooner.

San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee announced new measures of his own, saying the city that takes its name from the pope's nature-loving namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, would transition its municipal fleet of fire trucks, buses and trucks from petroleum diesel to renewable energy sources by the end of the year.

Stockholm Mayor Karin Wanngard said the Paris climate talks in December must take fossil fuels off the table and focus instead on renewable energy sources. "Climate negotiators must dare to push boundaries and exclude fossil fuels as an option and reward solutions that are long-term sustainable and renewable," she said. Stockholm is one of the world's leaders in using renewable energy sources, with 75 percent of the city's public transport network running on renewable energy. Wanngard's goal is to make the Swedish capital fossil fuel-free by 2040. The climax of Tuesday's inaugural session was the afternoon audience with Francis, who has become a hero to the environmental movement and has used his moral authority and enormous popularity to focus world attention on climate change and its effects on the poor.

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Aid ship arrives in war-torn Yemen port carrying food

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — A World Food Program ship carrying badly needed aid arrived in Yemen's war-torn southern city of Aden on Tuesday, the first vessel chartered by the U.N. agency to be able to berth there since Saudi-led airstrikes on Shiite rebels in the country began in March. In a statement, the WFP said the ship that arrived Tuesday carries 3,000 metric tons (3,300 tons) of food for people in contested southern governorates.

"This is a major breakthrough for our humanitarian response," WFP regional director Muhannad Hadi said. "While we have been able to reach several southern areas by land, docking at the port of Aden allows us to accelerate our response to meet urgent needs."

The group had tried repeatedly to send ships to Aden, but all had been previously blocked by severe fighting in the port area.

Vessels landed in another nearby port, and aid was delivered by road. The last such road delivery arrived in July 14 for around 27,000 people. The new shipment can feed up to 180,000 people, and more vessels carrying much-needed fuel and food are planned in the coming days.



A Yemeni man looks at a World Food Program ship at the port of Aden, Yemen, Tuesday, July 21, 2015. The WFP ship carrying badly needed aid arrived in Yemen's war-torn southern city of Aden on Tuesday, the first vessel chartered by the U.N. agency to berth there since Saudi-led airstrikes on Shiite rebels in the country began in March. (AP Photo/Ahmed Sameer)

"If conditions remain safe enough, as they are now, we will be able to have other ships arrive safely and offload," said Dina el-

Kassaby, also of WFP. Coordination is also needed with the Saudi-led coalition, which has imposed a sea and air blockade on

Yemen since it began its airstrikes.

The fighting in Yemen pits the Houthis and troops loyal to former President

Ali Abdullah Saleh against southern separatists, local and tribal militias, Sunni Islamic militants and loyalists of exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who is now based in Saudi Arabia.

The rebels seized Sanaa in September. Fierce fighting in Aden broke out in March, sparking the Saudi-led airstrikes. More than 1,690 civilians have been killed since then, the United Nations said Tuesday.

On the ground, fighting continues. Security officials and witnesses said that battles just east of Aden killed some 20 rebels and around 10 of their adversaries. Coalition aircraft launched dozens of raids north of the city, destroying tanks and Katyusha rocket launchers. □

Iran said to need 'at least' 60 days for nuke deal

NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's parliament will need "at least" 60 days to review a proposed final deal with world powers over its contested nuclear program, a prominent lawmaker said Tuesday, giving legislators in the Islamic Republic about the same time as the U.S. Congress to examine the proposal.

But while hard-liners in

Iran's parliament could vote against the deal struck last week in Vienna, their numbers wouldn't be enough to derail a proposal already backed by the country's supreme leader.

That's even with an influential member of the country's Revolutionary Guard expressing concerns over the deal.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who

headed the Iranian negotiating team, formally submitted the deal Tuesday to parliament. Hours later, the official IRNA news agency reported lawmakers formed a 15-member special committee to review the deal.

Under Iran's constitution, parliament has the right to reject any deal — even one negotiated by the Foreign Ministry. But committed hard-liners

in the Iranian parliament hold only about 60 of the body's 290 seats, the rest belonging to conservatives and a handful of pro-reform lawmakers.

While hard-liners have drawn other lawmakers over to their side in previous votes, that appears unlikely in this case as Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has endorsed the work of the nuclear deal negotiators. □

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Hundreds of Ukrainian right-wingers rally against government

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Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Hundreds of Ukrainian right-wingers were rallying in Kiev on Tuesday to protest against government policies in the wake of a deadly stand-off between radical nationalists and police in the country's west. The radical Right Sector group was one of the most militant factions in the massive protests in Ukraine's capital that prompted pro-Russia President Viktor Yanukovich to flee the country in February 2014. Since the war broke out in eastern Ukraine between government forces and pro-Russia separatists several months later, the Right Sector has fought on the government side.

However, Right Sector mili-

tants keep running into disputes with local Ukrainian authorities and Amnesty International has accused the group of holding civilians as prisoners and torturing them. The activists claim they are trying to clamp down on corruption and nepotism but Ukrainian authorities accuse Right Sector of using violence to reach its goals.

Speaking Tuesday at the national Right Sector congress, group leader Dmytro Yarosh called for a referendum to impeach President Petro Poroshenko and his government.

Yarosh also called for the recognition of volunteer battalions and their right to carry arms as well as introducing martial law, which he said, will help defeat the rebels in the east.



People applaud as members of the Right Sector group march down the street during a rally in the center Kiev, Ukraine, Tuesday, July 21, 2015. (AP Photo/Efrem Lukatsky)

Right Sector supporters gathered on Tuesday evening on Kiev's main square to support Yarosh's motion. Most of them were civilians and appeared to be unarmed, although some young men wore camouflage. Yarosh told the supporters at the square that the new government that replaced Yanukovich's regime was only about "changing names" but not

the political system.

"We are an organized revolutionary force that is opening the new phase of the Ukrainian revolution," he told the rally.

The Right Sector leader garnered about 1 percent of the vote in the May 2014 presidential election. His radical anti-Russian stance prompted the Kremlin to dismiss the uprising in Kiev as a neo-Nazi coup.

The Ukrainian government has attempted to rein in the volunteer battalions who often took frontline positions in eastern Ukraine where soldiers were reluctant to go by encouraging them to join the National Guard and police forces. In reality, hundreds of men in government-controlled eastern Ukraine still carry arms without any authorization. □

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3 Spanish reporters missing in Aleppo, Syria

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Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Three Spanish freelance journalists who traveled to Syria to report amid the country's long-running civil war have gone missing around the embattled northern city of Aleppo, a Spanish journalism association said Tuesday, the latest ensnared in the world's most dangerous assignment for reporters.

The disappearance of Antonio Pampliega, Jose Manuel Lopez and Angel Sastre, presumed to be working together, comes as most media organizations have pulled out of Syria, especially with the rise of the extremist Islamic State group. At least 84 journalists have been killed since 2011 in Syria, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, while others remain missing or

have been released for ransom.

Elsa Gonzalez, the president of the Spanish journalism association, told Spanish National Television that the three disappeared while working in the Aleppo area. She said they entered Syria from Turkey on July 10.

A statement from their families said the men had been missing since July 13. "An effort has been underway since then to search and locate them," the families said.

Sastre, a television journalist, last posted on Twitter July 10, when he wrote "courage" in Arabic, English and Spanish. Pampliega worked as a freelance reporter and his most recent work was from a trip to Syria earlier this year. It featured a story about Spaniards fighting with Kurds in Kobani against the Islamic State group. Span-

ish media identified Lopez as a photojournalist.

Rami Abdurrahman, the director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said late Tuesday that the journalists were last seen in a white van in the rebel-held Maadi district of Aleppo on July 13. The Observatory relies on a network of activists on the ground in Syria for its information.

Once Syria's commercial center, the city of Aleppo been carved up between government- and rebel-held neighborhoods since 2012, with government forces controlling much of western Aleppo and rebel groups in control of the east. The Islamic State group, which has kidnapped Western journalists in Syria and later killed them, is outside the city and controls parts of the northern and eastern Aleppo countryside. □

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Greece's Tsipras stays popular despite bailout-era hardships

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Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Under Alexis Tsipras, Greece slid back into recession, sank deeper into debt and found itself pushed to the brink of bankruptcy. Then after rejecting one painful bailout deal, the radical left leader agreed to a new one with possibly just as harsh terms.

It wouldn't be surprising to find Greeks calling for his head by now. But the telegenic prime minister is more popular than ever — testament to how his defiance of Europe has struck a chord with a nation fed up with sacrifices imposed from outside.

The 40-year-old has an approval rating of nearly 60 percent, more than 10 points clear of his closest rival — leading to speculation about a possible snap election in the fall. A weekend opinion poll suggested his hard-left Syriza party would win a landslide victory if elections were held today.

Many Greeks like Tsipras' message of hope — even if his actions may be leading to a harder life.

"People are under tremendous pressure," said Aleka Tani, who sells robes to Greek Orthodox priests, "and they need to hear something positive."

Tsipras' Syriza party was elected in January on a promise to end austerity, forming a coalition with the right-wing, anti-bailout Independent Greeks party — a move that broadened his political influence. As Greece's economy tanked under his leadership, Tsipras' own popularity only grew. And that appeal has not faded despite caving into demands for more austerity last week in exchange for a bailout that kept Greece within the eurozone.

The U-turn at the eurozone summit in Brussels was in many ways baffling. For it came after Tsipras pleaded with Greeks to reject European creditors' original bailout proposal, in a referendum called by the prime minister himself. Days after a resounding "No" vote on more austerity, Tsipras agreed to a pact that will bring more brutal austerity for years to come. That might have been political suicide for any other leader.

But Tsipras appears to have won Greek hearts with his tough talk against Europe — and a frank admission in parliament that he had accepted tough terms after making mistakes.

Defending the deal, Tsipras also argued that he had not walked away from the eurozone summit empty-handed. His long-standing demand for some way to ease Greece's whopping 320 billion euro (\$347 billion) national debt is now under discussion by Europe's policymakers. □

Israel's Netanyahu struggles to govern with narrow majority in new term

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — When Benjamin Netanyahu called early elections last year, he said his unwieldy coalition was untenable

international community's nuclear deal with Iran.

Insiders say Netanyahu is in no danger of being toppled anytime soon, despite calls by opposition politicians that he step down

The fact that Netanyahu is still standing is an impressive feat itself given his situation in the days leading up to the March 17 election. Trailing in opinion polls and facing a potential uprising within the Likud, Netanyahu rebounded and surged to victory, in part through fiery election-day rhetoric that shunned Palestinian statehood and railed against Israel's own Arab minority. By warning that Arabs were heading to the polls "in droves," Netanyahu scared passive right-wing voters into voting. But his victory came with a price. The votes Netanyahu earned in the final hours were largely sapped from his traditional nationalistic allies, leaving him with fewer coalition options.

Former Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman's ultranationalist party then abruptly chose to join the opposition, leaving Netanyahu's government with the smallest of majorities, just 61 out of parliament's 120 members.

To ensure the votes of his shaky majority, Netanyahu barred coalition members from traveling abroad without his approval. In the closest call yet, a Cabinet minister had to filibuster aimlessly in parliament while the coalition whip scrambled to gather supporters for a vote that could have technically toppled the government. Eventually, Netanyahu's closest ally, Cabinet minister Yuval Steinitz, was awoken from his sick bed and rushed in wearing slippers at 1:30 a.m. to save the day. □



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem.

(Baz Ratner/Pool Photo via AP)

and that Israel needed a more stable government to carry out vital reforms.

But two months into his new term in office, Netanyahu finds himself depending on an even narrower majority, susceptible to the extortion of practically any lawmaker. His political footing is so tenuous that he had to keep his defense minister from attending an international security conference in June because he couldn't spare the minister's vote. Another time, an ailing Cabinet minister was forced out of bed to save the government from the humiliation of losing a crucial late-night budget vote. Unruly backbenchers in Netanyahu's own Likud party have embarrassed him with their antics, and now he is facing growing criticism at home for failing to stop the

over the Iran issue. However, it remains to be seen whether he will actually be able to get anything done in his fourth term in office.

"He can survive. The question is what quality of life he will have," said Amit Segal, a political commentator for Channel 2 TV. Some would say that is just how Netanyahu likes it. On course to become the longest serving prime minister in Israeli history, his legacy thus far is one of longevity rather than bold measures of war and peace that defined his predecessors. His lobbying against the Iran nuclear deal — which he insists will not keep Tehran from attaining an atomic weapon — took a big hit with last week's U.S.-led agreement. The Iran issue has been a hallmark of his political career.





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India:

Opposition disrupts Parliament over cricket scandal



Indian policewomen try to stop a Congress party supporter as she tries to climb a barricade during a protest against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, July 21, 2015.
(AP Photo/Saurabh Das)

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Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian opposition parties disrupted Parliament on Tuesday to demand the resignation of two key ruling party leaders for allegedly helping a former Indian cricket official facing investigation for financial irregularities. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata

Party denies any wrongdoing by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj or the top elected leader of Rajasthan state, Vasundhara-raje Scindia. The scandal, which relates to the investigation into the founder of India's Twenty20 cricket tournament, is the first to hit Modi's government since it came to power last year. The upper house of Parlia-

ment was adjourned without conducting any business Tuesday, the opening day of its three-week monsoon session, with the government rejecting the resignation demand by the Congress party and others. "There can be no resignation. If you want discussion, we can have it," said Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.

That remark infuriated Congress party lawmakers, who charged into the prohibited area around the chairman's seat and shouted, "Corrupt officials resign, then we will debate."

The confrontation over the issue is expected to delay the passage of key legislative proposals crucial to Modi's economic agenda, including a land acquisition bill and a new sales tax bill.

The Indian Premier League Twenty20 cricket tournament was founded in 2008 by Lalit Modi, who is not related to the prime minister, but it was soon dogged by allegations of corporate corruption, money-laundering and tax evasion, as well as secret deals to hide the teams' real owners.

Lalit Modi was removed as IPL chairman in 2010 and later banned for life from holding any positions in the sport by the powerful Board of Control for Cricket in India.

He denied allegations of financial wrongdoing and moved to London in 2010 as Indian authorities launched an investigation against him. □

CARIBBEAN News Briefs

Jamaica to close 18 small schools by September

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica will close 18 small public schools across the island by September. Education Minister Ronald Thwaites told Parliament on Tuesday that the closures are intended to achieve greater levels of efficiencies in the school system. The targeted schools all have small student bodies, ranging from 16 to 68 pupils, and most have had declining enrollments over the last five years. Thwaites says the schools targeted for closure also perform below the national average on standardized tests. And they cost far more to operate per student than much bigger institutions. Teachers will get placed at other schools or be asked to opt for early retirement. The government says projected savings from the closures is roughly \$200,000 in operational costs.

Puerto Rico sees \$150M in cuts in economic crisis

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico's government says that in recent years it has reduced certain expenditures by nearly \$150 million amid a worsening economic crisis. Budget director Luis Cruz says the cost of contracting for professional services has dropped by more than 55 percent. He says the government of the U.S. territory also has cut contracts related to services purchased by \$93 million. Cruz said late Monday that the government also has moved public offices from private buildings to state-owned locations for nearly \$20 million in savings. □

Executives convicted in Brazil's Petrobras scandal

SAO PAULO (AP) — Three top officials of Brazil's Camargo Correa construction company have become the first business executives to be convicted in the corruption-kickback scandal engulfing state-run oil company Petrobras. The Federal Prosecutor's Office says Judge Sergio Moro on Monday sentenced the three on charges of money laundering, corruption and racketeering.

Moro is overseeing the investigation of Petrobras. Dalton Avancini, Camargo Correa's chief executive officer; Eduardo Leite, the company's vice president; and Joao Auler, the company's chairman, were convicted on charges of money laundering, corruption and racketeering. Also on Monday, federal police asked prosecutors to file charges against Marce-

lo Odebrecht, president of Brazil's largest construction firm, on charges of alleged involvement in the Petrobras scheme. Odebrecht was arrested one month ago on charges of cartel formation, money laundering and diversion of public funds. Prosecutors have said the scheme involved at least \$800 million in bribes and other illegal funds. Some of that money was allegedly

funneled back to the ruling Workers' Party and its allies' campaign coffers. It also allegedly included the payment of bribes to Petrobras executives in return for inflated contracts. Petrobras is Brazil's biggest company and is in charge of tapping big offshore oil fields and creating wealth that leaders hope will propel the country to developed world status. □



Acknowledged With Three Prestigious Awards: Aruba Marriott Recognized For Excellence In Event Management

PALM BEACH - The Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino continuously strives for excellence and 2014 did not disappoint. The resort has recently been awarded with three prestigious recognitions for leadership in Event Management; Regional Event Management Excellence Award, Chairman Circle Award and Global Event Leadership Diamond Award winner for CRN Hotels 2014.

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Ilaina Franco-Franka, Director of Events & Banquets, was presented The



Chairman Circle Award recognizing her as the best top 1% Events leaders in the American Continent, competing with all properties within the continent in terms of revenue and service excellence scores increase compared to initial

goal. Additionally, Ms. Franco – Franka was awarded the prestigious Global Event Leadership Diamond Award for her commitment to excellence, her initiative for consistently going above and beyond for her clients and the hotel, the outstanding results and for elevating the hotel for future success.

As the Director of Events & Banquets, Ilaina Franco, is actively and continuously developing and formulating strategies to ensure that the Events & Banquets team is engaged in all areas, including but not limited to P&Ls, numbers, and other related service scores. As a leader she ensures that her team is involved and on top of trending developments in the events industry and continuously seeking creative ways to introduce new concepts and ideas by using images and videos that set the tone for interaction and a learning environment. Furthermore,

Ms. Franco – Franka played a vital role in building and maintaining relationships with clients, which ultimately leads to long-lasting relationships and repeat clients as well as a positive word of mouth. Moreover, as a leader, she believes in the development and advancement of each team member and is constantly training her subordinates in various areas and providing cross-training opportunities.

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donkey, who buys something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until

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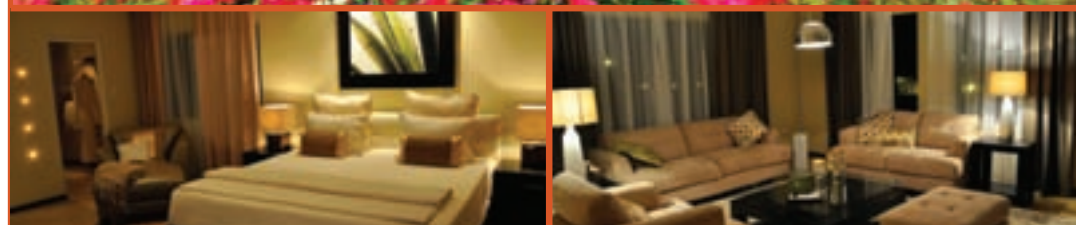
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No guarantees Spieth will ever get another chance

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland
(AP) —

The odds of a Grand Slam already were long simply because no one had ever swept the four professional majors in one year. If that's the best measure, this sobering piece of history might make Jordan Spieth feel even worse.

No one ever got another chance.

Dating to 1960, when Arnold Palmer hatched the modern version of the Grand Slam on his way to St. Andrews, no one came closer to the third leg than Spieth. He was tied for the lead with two holes to play. Two pars would have been enough for a playoff. A par and a birdie would have sent golf into hysteria.

Instead, he missed a par putt on the low side at the 17th, and hit his drive so far left on the closing hole of the Old Course that Spieth was between clubs and had an awkward angle to a front left pin tucked just above the ridge that leads to the Valley of Sin.

The bogey-par finish left him one-shot out of a three-man playoff. He was reduced to the role — and a classy one at that — of spectator on the steps of the Royal & Ancient clubhouse as Zach Johnson won a three-man playoff to join a select group of names on the claret jug.

Kel Nagle, Lee Trevino and Ernie Els were the other three players who ended the quest for a Grand Slam. All of them are in the World Golf Hall of Fame. It's no longer a stretch to think Johnson might join them one day.



United States' Jordan Spieth, left, and his caddy Michael Greller after finishing the final round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, Monday, July 20, 2015.

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AL Capsules

Pujols blasts 3 HRs as Angels beat Red Sox in DHer

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Albert Pujols hit three homers while the Angels swept a doubleheader from the Boston Red Sox, connecting twice and seizing the major league lead from Mike Trout during Los Angeles' victory in the nightcap. Trout also homered and rookie Andrew Heaney pitched seven strong in-

nings in the second game of the Angels' first home doubleheader since 2003. Pujols, Kole Calhoun and David Freese homered during an 11-1 win in the first game. Pujols homered in both games of a doubleheader for the first time in his career. He caught and passed Mike Schmidt for 15th place in baseball history, hitting his 549th career

homer in the seventh. Heaney (4-0) won his fourth straight decision in his first month with the Angels, yielding five hits without a walk. Knuckleballer Steven Wright (3-3) took the loss. All-Star Hector Santiago (7-4) matched his career high with 10 strikeouts in the opener. Eduardo Rodriguez (5-3) took the loss.

TIGERS 5, MARINERS 4

DETROIT (AP) — Ian Kinsler homered twice, including a go-ahead two-run shot in the eighth inning, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Seattle Mariners.

Kinsler, who came in with three homer this season, hit one off Seattle starter J.A. Happ in the first, and



Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols hits his second home run of the game in the seventh inning of the second baseball game in a doubleheader against the Boston Red Sox, Monday, July 20, 2015, in Anaheim, Calif.

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then drove a fastball from bullpen with two out in the eighth. □

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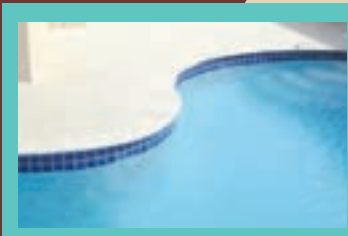
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Spieth

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In an era where it's hard to win anywhere on the PGA Tour, and when there is such a premium on power, the 39-year-old Johnson has 12 wins and two majors in his 12 years on tour. It's hard to dismiss those num-

old tour rookie, shot 69 in the final round and then beat the King in a playoff the next day. Palmer won one more Masters in 1964 and was one shot out of the lead in the U.S. Open that year until fading on the final day at Congressional. Nicklaus was 32 when he closed with a 66 in the fi-

bell stood his ground and won by two. Woods was the runner-up. Woods won five more majors, though never a Masters. Spieth is 21. He at least has youth on his side, though that only goes so far. Spieth dominated Augusta National with a wire-to-wire victory. But the U.S. Open

required some help. Dustin Johnson missed a half-dozen putts inside 10 feet on the back nine, including a three-putt par from 12 feet on the final hole at Chambers Bay that cost him a spot in the playoff. At the British Open, he had to contend with the likes of Jason Day, Louis Oosthuizen and

Zach Johnson. Yes, he has closed out his share of tournaments. "This just wasn't one of those," he said. "It's hard to do that every single time." Woods said after winning the 1997 Masters that the Grand Slam was a matter of winning the right four weeks of the year. □



United States' Jordan Spieth birdies the 16th hole during the final round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, Monday, July 20, 2015.

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bers. As for Spieth? "It's a tough feeling being that close in a major. It doesn't matter the historical element of it," Spieth said. "I believe I'll have plenty of opportunities like I did today." If he's talking about winning another major, don't bet against him. Las Vegas already has installed him as the favorite at the PGA Championship. The Grand Slam is another matter. Palmer was 30 when he first tried for the Grand Slam. He thought he might get another crack at it when he won the Masters in 1962 and was tied for the lead going into the final round of the U.S. Open at Oakmont. Nicklaus, a 22-year-

nal round at Muirfield while going for the Grand Slam in 1972. He thought it might be good enough until Trevino chipped in for par on the 17th hole and made par up the 18th for a one-shot victory. Nicklaus won the Masters again in 1975, but in the U.S. Open at Medinah, he shot 72 in the final round and wound up two shots out of a playoff. Most surprising was Woods based solely on his level of dominance. Woods was 26 when he took himself out of the Grand Slam in 2002 with an 81 in the third round. He was back on top of his game in 2005 when he won the Masters, and he looked like the player to beat in the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2 until Michael Camp-

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Nats get to Harvey early, top Mets 7-2 to open 'big' series

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clint Robinson's two-run double to deep center was the biggest blow as the Nationals jumped on Mets starter Matt Harvey for five runs in the first three innings Monday night, and NL East-leading Washington beat second-place New York 7-2.

A day after leaving 25 men on base and going 1 for 26 with runners in scoring position in an 18-inning victory at St. Louis, the Mets' troubled offense left 10 men on and went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position. Indeed,

it was Harvey (8-7) who drove in both of New York's runs with a bases-loaded single in the fourth off Gio Gonzalez (7-4). Harvey went seven innings, and was charged with five runs — four earned — and five hits.

Gonzalez allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. Ian Desmond tacked on a two-run homer off Mets reliever Alex Torres in the eighth.

REDS 5, CUBS 4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Todd Frazier connected for the first time since he won the All-Star Home Run Derby, and Jay Bruce hit a key two-run shot in the sixth inning, powering the Cincinnati Reds past the Chicago Cubs.

The Reds hit three homers in all, including Marlon Byrd's solo shot, and beat the Cubs at Great American Ball Park for the first time this season. Bruce's drive off Justin Grimm (1-3) put Cincinnati up 5-4 with two outs in the sixth.

Ryan Mattheus (1-1) pitched a hitless inning in

relief of Michael Lorenzen. Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth — a day after he threw a career-high 44 pitches — and retired the side on 13 pitches for his 19th save.

PHILLIES 5, RAYS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cesar Hernandez doubled, tripled and drove in two runs, and David Buchanan earned his first win in almost a year, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Maikel Franco had a pair of hits with an RBI and Jeff Francoeur contributed two hits for the Phillies, who have won four straight after setting the franchise record with 62 losses before the All-Star break.

Buchanan (1-5) snapped his winless skid at 15 starts by allowing three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Logan Forsythe doubled and had two RBIs for the Rays, who have lost 10 of their last 12 road games. Matt Moore (1-1) gave up four runs on five hits in 4 2/3 innings in his third start since coming back from Tommy John surgery.

BRAVES 7, DODGERS 5

ATLANTA (AP) — Nick Markakis hit his first homer of 2015 and scored the go-ahead run on Juan Uribe's fifth-inning single, leading the Atlanta Braves past former teammate Brandon Beachy and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Markakis hit a two-run homer to center field off Beachy in the first inning. It was his first homer since Sept. 25, 2014, for the Orioles at the Yankees. Braves rookie Matt Wisler (4-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings. □

Washington Nationals' Danny Espinosa (8) scores on a single by Yunel Escobar as the ball flies over his head to New York Mets catcher Anthony Recker during the first inning of a baseball game at Nationals Park, Monday, July 20, 2015, in Washington. The Nationals won 7-2.

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Sky airs Froome data as Tour de France nears Alpine finale

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

SISTERON, France (AP) — The team of Tour de France leader Chris Froome bowed to pressure Tuesday and released data about his riding power, heart rate and pedaling rhythm, hoping to quell speculation about doping ahead of an increasingly likely victory in Paris.

On the Tour's second rest day, Team Sky presented the figures after comments on French TV raised questions about Froome's performance and incidents in which spectators have booed, spat upon and thrown urine on the rider and his teammates — behavior attributed in part to the unfounded speculation about his speed on the way to victory in Stage 10. With a 3 minute, 10 second lead on his closest rival, and his mountain-climbing nearly unparalleled, Froome said he's in "a great place" as the three-week race resumes Wednesday with Stage 17's 161-kilometer (100-mile) jaunt over four climbs from Digne-les-Bains to an uphill finish at Pra Loup mountain resort.

It's the start of four grueling days in the Alps. The climax comes Saturday with an uphill finish at Alpe d'Huez, a day before a largely ceremonial ride for the race winner on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

"The third week of the Tour is always unpredictable. You never know how anyone is going to respond," said American rider Tejay van Garderen, the BMC team leader who is third overall, 3:32 behind of Froome.

Van Garderen said the British race leader, who won

the Tour in 2013 and has never tested positive for doping, has had to deal with "the aftermath" of doping cheats of the past. "It was clear that he dealt with the heat and dealt with the (first) rest day better than other people did," Van Garderen said of Froome's Stage 10 victory. "I think it's very unfair for him to have to deal with all the scrutiny."

Froome, a Kenya-born Briton, said his team wants to address doubts about Sky's performances with the release of his rider data.

"I'm not sure if numbers are going to fix everything, but certainly I feel as a team and myself, we're definitely trying to be as open and transparent as possible," he said.

Sky performance analyst Tim Kerrison presented figures including Froome's power output, cadence and heart rate on the climb to the Stage 10 finish. The figures showed the rider's ability to generate vast amounts of power, hitting a top speed of 27.7 kph going uphill.

Kerrison said Froome produced 414 watts and a pedal cadence of 97 revolutions per minute on average on the climb. Froome's heart rate hit 174 beats per minute the highest rate that the team has tallied from him in any recent Grand Tour race and Kerrison called that a sign that Froome had arrived "very fresh" at the foot of that ascent.

Last week, France-2 ran a report quoting a doctor, Pierre Sallet, who it said works with statisticians for race organizer ASO, analyzing Tour riders' performances. ASO says that is only partly true: It says Sal-

let's team does give them data about the race itself, providing such details as where riders are on the road in relation to each other. But ASO says Sallet doesn't analyze rider's physiological data.

In the TV report, Sallet cited what he called "a reliable mathematical model" for his calculation that Froome had a maximum aerobic power of 500 watts on the climb, and could generate 7.04 watts per kilogram of body weight. By his count, Kerrison said Froome had produced 5.78 watts per kilogram on average on the climb.

"All athletes we've seen above 7 watts per kilo in the past were athletes who were caught in doping affairs," said Sallet, adding that Froome "must give us information about his physiological profile for his performance to become credible."

Sky's Kerrison said the "margin of error" was too great to allow for an accurate assessment of Froome's physiological profile from the Stage 10 climb results alone.

The TV report interspersed images of some former riders like Lance Armstrong, who was stripped of his seven Tour titles for doping. "In particular what France-2 did, putting out that big headline '7 watts per kilo', a picture of Lance Armstrong, a picture of (Jan) Ullrich," Sky team manager Dave Brailsford said, "that was so wildly wrong on so many levels, that actually we just thought, 'We should just correct that, and give the concrete facts, and give the evidence, so hopefully that people can judge for themselves.'" □



Britain's Chris Froome looks up during a press conference on the second rest day of the Tour de France cycling race in Sisteron, Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

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Blood, Salt and Tears

By: Dr. Carlos Viana

President John F. Kennedy said, "All of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea -- whether it is to sail or to watch it -- we are going back from whence we came."

Salt is the spark plug of our body. Although eating an excess of salt is associated with high blood pressure, not having enough salt can cause hypo-tension or low blood pressure which results in dizziness or loss of consciousness. Salt is essential for the prevention of muscle cramps, maintaining sexuality, preventing varicose veins and the salt in our bones help them stay firm.

In studies on salt and blood pressure processed table salt was used and researchers did not adjust for things like, high alcohol consumption, high body mass index, low potassium excretion, and dehydration. Unrefined sea salt is a healthier choice than common table salt. Natural sea salt contains minerals that the body needs.

High blood pressure rarely has symptoms. Blood pressure values can be pushed higher by pain,

medications or anxiety, including the stress of visiting the doctor. Have your pressure taken while lying down in a stress-free environment. Blood pressure (BP) comes in two numbers. The high number is the pressure of the heart pumping your blood. The low number is the pressure your blood pushes against on the walls of your arteries when your heart is "resting." Normal blood pressure should range between 100/70 to 120/80. If your BP is higher, you have a greater risk of developing problems with your heart and or arteries.

"Standard" treatment for blood pressure problems is pharmaceuticals. Studies have shown that taking blood pressure lowering drugs can cause side effects, like impotence and an increased risk for heart disease, just what you are trying to avoid. The World Health Organization has listed hypertension, or high blood pressure, as one of the conditions treated effectively by acupuncture. In many cases high blood pressure can be controlled through changes in diet and lifestyle. Lifestyle factors include caffeine or alcohol intake, stress, lack of exercise, smoking and body weight. Dietary problems include; high sugar, high saturated

fat and insufficient magnesium, vitamin C and healthy fats.

Some people do not excrete sodium. Diuretics can make the problem worse by also lowering potassium. Natural sea salt, not table salt, will not harm you if your intake of potassium and water is balanced. Fresh fruit is a good source of potassium. Drinking mineral water is critical for nearly every bodily function. Dietary supplements can also provide support, but check your personal needs with a clinical nutritionist. If this is not enough, check for toxins with a hair analysis test contributing to these and other health problems.

Get The Point! Blood pressure problems are more than an excess of salt. Identifying imbalances and counseling on diet and lifestyle can go a long way. In our home by the beautiful Caribbean Sea, there are no chemicals in our kitchen. We drink plenty of mineral water, use only natural sea salt, pressure lowering, fresh garlic, good omega oils like virgin olive oil, and gladly cry salty tears while cutting our onions to flavor our food. The facts on salt are another of the many dietary misconceptions you have heard. Call so we can help you put the spark



back in your plugs.

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U of Michigan opens test "city" for autonomous cars

DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Auto Writer

ANN ARBOR, Michigan (AP) —

Automakers and researchers say a new simulated city at the University of Michigan could help speed the development of driverless and connected cars.

The 32-acre site on the university's campus officially opened Monday. The \$10 million testing ground will be run by the Mobility Transformation Center, a partnership between the university, state and federal governments and auto and technology companies. The site has many familiar features of urban driving, including intersections, a railroad crossing, two roundabouts, brick and gravel roads and parking spaces. Moveable building facades and fake pedestrians can be altered for different kinds of tests. There's a simulated highway entrance ramp. Two features — a metal bridge and a tunnel — will be a special challenge for wireless signals and radar sensors.

Peter Sweatman, the director of the Mobility Transformation Center, says other

test sites in Sweden and Japan have some of the same features, but the Michigan site is one of the most advanced autonomous vehicle testing grounds in the world. Automakers, high-tech companies and university researchers will test car-to-car communication systems, which could one day predict accidents and stop cars before a mishap. They'll also be testing semi-autonomous and driverless vehicles at the site.

Ryan Eustice, an associate professor of engineering at the University of Michigan, has been testing driverless cars at the site with Ford Motor Co. since November, when the roads were paved but other features weren't yet installed.

Eustice says the site allows researchers to be "maximally evil" toward the car, putting it into all sorts of situations that can be quickly and easily repeated, like a model of a pedestrian obscured by a bus that walks out into traffic. Every kilometer of testing at the site is worth hundreds of kilometers of real-world driving, he said, since it can take hours of real driving



A pedestrian crosses in front of a vehicle as part of a demonstration at Mcity on its opening day Monday, July 20, 2015 on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Associated Press

to come upon a scenario that's difficult for the car to handle.

"In terms of the weird stuff, we can pack it all in in a very dense way," he said. Hideki Hada, the general manager of integrated systems at Toyota Motor Corp.'s engineering campus in Ann Arbor, says Toyota also has a test city in Japan, but this is a neutral

site that will allow it to make sure its cars can communicate with cars from other automakers. He said Toyota and other companies had input into what would be included at the site. One of his requests: Dirty, mud-splashed road signs, so that automakers can

make sure their cameras can still read them.

Sweatman said the site will also leave a lot of snow on the ground in the winter, so that automakers can make sure that the cameras and radar used in driverless systems will still work in the snow. □

Feds say ID protector LifeLock violated \$12M settlement

By MARLEY JAY

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- The U.S. government says identity theft protection company LifeLock spent years violating a \$12 million settlement for misrepresenting the protection it provides for customers.

Four years after LifeLock paid the eight-figure settlement related to false claims in its advertising, the Federal Trade Commission said LifeLock still had not set up a comprehensive program to protect sensitive data like credit card numbers, Social Security numbers and bank account numbers.

The agency also said that LifeLock didn't keep records it had agreed to maintain and falsely adver-

tised that consumers' data received the same level of protection as financial institutions get and that consumers would be alerted as soon as the company discovered a potential problem. The FTC asked a court to find LifeLock in contempt and to order LifeLock to provide redress to consumers.

LifeLock said the FTC's actions and statements are related to past business practices and that it is prepared to defend itself in court.

The Tempe, Arizona-based company said it has been cooperating and talking to the agency for a year and a half.

The FTC said LifeLock violated parts of the order as recently as December 2014

by telling consumers they would be notified as soon as the company became aware of a possible problem. LifeLock's website now says consumers can get alerts by email, text or phone but does not specify a time frame for the alerts. It said the fastest alerts require a current email address and that phone alerts are only available during business hours.

Shares of LifeLock Inc. tumbled 49 percent to finish at \$8.15 on Tuesday. During the session the shares fell to \$7.70, their lowest price since December 2012.

Company co-founder and CEO Todd Davis used to put his own social security number on business cards and company trucks to advertise LifeLock's services. □

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Weak earnings reports send Wall Street lower

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Disappointing earnings from several big U.S. companies put investors in a selling mood Tuesday, giving the stock market its first broad decline in four days. IBM and United Technologies were among the companies whose latest quarterly report cards fell short of Wall Street's expectations or included dimmer outlooks. Telecommunications stocks were among the biggest decliners. Traders have been focusing on the health of Corporate America to get a read on how the global economy is doing, though it's still early days. Only about 12 percent of the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have reported earnings so far.

"Investors appear to be in a listen-only mode as we await greater clarity on second-quarter results," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "Our belief is that equities still grind higher, but we're in a sideways-trending mode here into August and perhaps even in the early part of September as well." The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 181.12

points, or 1 percent, to 17,919.29. The S&P 500 index lost 9.07 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,119.21. The Nasdaq composite slid 10.74 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,208.12. The tech-heavy index closed at a record

reacted to IBM's latest quarterly results, released late Monday. The market stayed in the red the rest of the day. IBM delivered better-than-expected earnings, but its revenue fell short of finan-

percent, to \$102.71. Verizon Communications also declined. While its earnings topped Wall Street's expectations, the number of newly added wireless postpaid customers was down from last year. Verizon fell \$1.13, or 2.3 percent, to \$46.97. Investors found some companies' earnings made them buy-worthy. Harley-Davidson surged 5 percent after the motorcycle maker's second-quarter earnings beat Wall Street expectations. The stock added \$2.73 to \$57.67. "The market is being cautious, waiting for a little more direction," said Ian Kerrigan, global investment specialist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "There are people who are taking some gains out there and waiting a little while to see what happens with Greece, what happens with China, what happens with the Fed." About 60 percent of the companies in the S&P 500 report over the next two weeks. Analysts forecast that second-quarter earnings by companies in the S&P 500 will shrink 3.3 percent compared with the prior year, according to S&P Capital IQ. □



People walk past the New York Stock Exchange. Disappointing earnings from several big U.S. companies put investors in a selling mood Tuesday, giving the stock market its first broad decline in four days.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

high the previous two days. The three major stock indexes remain up for the year. Nine of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 index declined, led by a 1.7 percent drop in telecommunications stocks. Energy stocks rose slightly. Stocks headed lower early on Tuesday as investors

cial analysts' forecasts. The stock slumped \$10.15, or 5.9 percent, to \$163.07. On Tuesday, United Technologies reported earnings that didn't meet forecasts. The aerospace company also cut its outlook for 2015, citing weaker sales of Otis elevators in Europe and China's slowing economy. The stock lost \$7.77, or 7

UTC posts lower second quarter revenue, profit

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HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) —

United Technologies Corp. posted second-quarter declines Tuesday in revenue and profit as a strong dollar cut exports. It also reduced its 2015 outlook on Otis elevator sales in Europe and China's slowing economy. Its stock dropped almost 8 percent in late morning trading Tuesday.

"Look, to say that I'm disappointed would be a significant understatement," CEO Greg Hayes told analysts on a conference call. "We're going to fix it and we're going to get back to the UTC mantra of under-promise and over-deliver." He cited the slowing economies in China and Europe, but said the U.S. economy is stronger than expected and that the aerospace market for parts maintenance and repair will continue to grow.

The Hartford, Connecticut, conglomerate reported revenue of \$16.33 billion, down 5 percent from the year-ago period.

Earnings fell 8 percent to \$1.54 billion, or \$1.73 per share. Its adjusted earnings amounted to \$1.81 per share, exceeding Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of eight analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was \$1.71 per share.

United Technologies cut its 2015 revenue outlook to between \$57 billion and \$58 billion from \$58 billion to \$59 billion. It also reduced its outlook on UTC Aerospace Systems and Otis elevator.

Its shares dropped \$8.61, or 7.8 percent, to \$101.88 in late morning trading Tuesday. □

BlackBerry cuts jobs as part of turnaround plan

TORONTO (AP) — BlackBerry Ltd. announced another round of job cuts Tuesday as it deals with weak smartphone sales and pushes ahead with a restructuring plan.

The Waterloo, Ontario-based company declined to disclose how many employees were affected in the latest changes, but said that some workers were shifted to different roles while others were laid off. BlackBerry said the move is

part of a plan to reallocate certain resources to help grow its operations. BlackBerry has shed thousands of jobs since it began restructuring its operations under chief executive John Chen, who joined the company in 2013 and has focused on tightening spending and innovation.

At the peak of its success, BlackBerry had about 20,000 employees across the world, but its failure to innovate against some

formidable competitors, including Apple and Samsung, left the company slashing its operations in an effort to contain costs. In its most recent annual filings, BlackBerry said it had 6,225 full-time global employees as of Feb. 28. Since then, the company has made further cuts to its operations.

A round of cuts happened earlier this year when BlackBerry laid off an unspecified number of employees.

The changes have meant that most of BlackBerry's staff is now centered around the company's headquarters in Waterloo, Ottawa, and the Toronto area. Last month, Chen said he was "looking at every single function" within its operations in an effort to further reduce costs. Many of those changes have been focused on outsourcing the company's smartphone development and manufacturing. □

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Yahoo suffers 2Q loss as revenue growth eludes company

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Yahoo is still limping along as the Internet company prepares to shed the financial crutch that has been propping up its stock during the three-year reign of CEO Marissa Mayer. The latest evidence of the challenges facing Mayer emerged Tuesday with the release of Yahoo's second-quarter earnings report. Yahoo's posted a loss of nearly \$22 million, while its net revenue remained unchanged from the previous year at \$1.04 billion. If not for the costs of employee stock compensation and one-time accounting items, Yahoo said it would have earned 16 cents per share — 2 cents per share below the average estimate among analysts polled by Zacks. Yahoo's stock fell 73 cents, or nearly 2 percent, to \$39 in extended trading after the numbers came out. The lack of net revenue growth is telling because



This photo shows signage outside Yahoo's headquarters in Sunnyvale, Calif. Yahoo reported quarterly financial results on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

it points to a financial malaise that has been dogging Yahoo for most of the past three years. Even though the volume of Internet advertising has been steadily rising during that stretch, Yahoo's revenue has been backpedaling while rivals such as Google Inc. and Facebook

Inc. have been sprinting further ahead in the race for Web surfers' attention and marketing dollars. Mayer has been promising to engineer a turnaround since Yahoo Inc. hired her away from Google, but only has made grudging progress so far. Yahoo's net revenue now has

decreased or been unchanged from the previous year in eight of the previous 10 quarters. Despite that funk, Yahoo's stock has more than doubled under Mayer's leadership, though the gain has had little to do with her strategy. Investors latch on to Yahoo primarily be-

cause it has owned a large stake in one of China's hottest Internet companies, e-commerce specialist, Alibaba Group.

Pressured by shareholders, Yahoo earlier this year filed plans to spin off its remaining 384 million Alibaba shares into a separate company that will be called Aabaco. Yahoo is still awaiting approval from the Internal Revenue Service to do the split on a tax-free basis, something that the Sunnyvale, California, company expects to receive before the end of the year.

Yahoo's Alibaba stake is currently worth nearly \$32 billion, representing most of Yahoo's market value.

Without the Alibaba stock in its investment portfolio, Yahoo will probably have to start boosting its revenue or Mayer may face more shareholder unrest. The nagging doubts about Yahoo's growth prospects have led to its stock dropping by more than 20 percent this year. □

Citi to refund \$700 million for deceptive card practices

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Citigroup will refund \$700 million to consumers and will pay \$70 million in fines for illegal and deceptive credit card practices, the bank and federal regulators said Tuesday. The order, coming from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, is the latest multimillion dollar settlement against the largest credit card issuers for their role in selling "add-on" products to customers, such as credit score monitoring or "rush" processing of payments.

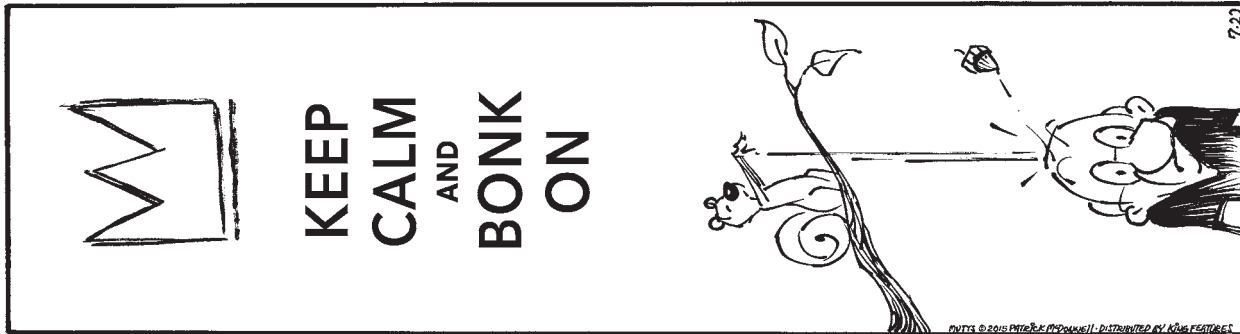
Bank of America reached a similar, slightly larger settlement with regulators in 2014 and JPMorgan Chase was fined in 2013. Under its agreement with the CFPB, Citi will issue refunds to 8.8 million affected consumers who paid for these types of add-on products, and will pay two separate \$35 million fines to the CFPB and to the federal bank regulator the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. The settlement comes on the five-year anniversary of the creation of the CFPB, which came into existence

through the passage of the Dodd-Frank law that overhauled the financial industry following the 2008 financial crisis. "We continue to uncover illegal credit card add-on practices that are costing unknowing consumers millions of dollars," CFPB Director Richard Cordray said in a statement. "This is the tenth action we've taken against companies in this space for deceiving consumers." Some of the illegal activity by Citi goes back to as early as 2000, the CFPB said, and ended in 2013, and covers a range of products

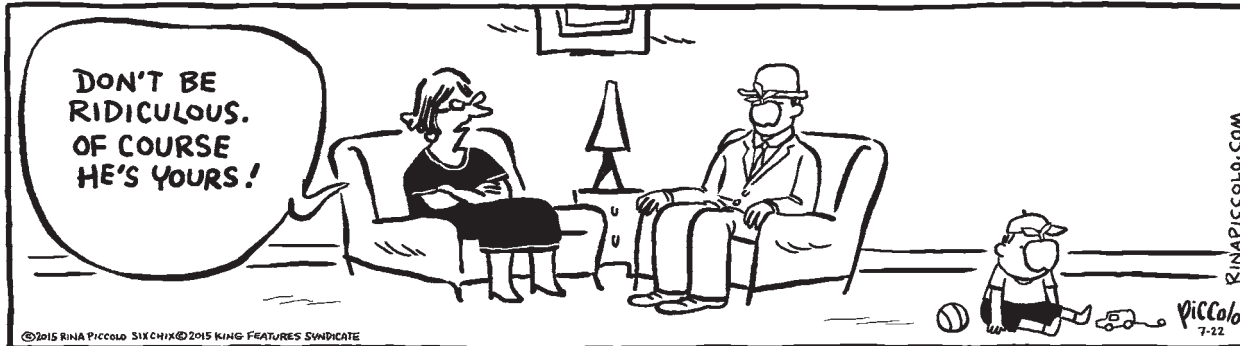
sold by Citi and third-party affiliates. In one allegation, Citi telemarketers were said to have sold consumers identity theft protection services with a 30-day "free" trial, when no such free trial existed; or signed up consumers for an add-on service when it was ambiguous whether the consumer actually said they wanted it. In another situation, Citi sold credit monitoring services when Citi wasn't performing such services at all, or were not actively monitoring a consumer's credit file with credit reporting bureaus.

Citi also allegedly misrepresented its customers by charging a \$14.95 "expedited" payment fee to customers who made over-the-phone payments and did not tell consumers about no-fee options. Credit card add-on services were a lucrative source of revenue for banks for several years, sold to consumers as ways to protect their credit scores or identities or protect them if they lost their jobs. Banks' marketing of such services largely ended after increased regulatory scrutiny. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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- Tree-dwelling ape, for short
- Cries from the flock
- Have nothing to do with
- Traveler's stop
- Feast at which poi is served
- Casino game
- Step __; get out of the way
- As wise __ owl
- News, for short
- Occupant
- Weaver or Day
- Like fine wine
- Official order
- Turn the __; start to recover
- Napped leather
- Candy bar name
- __ headache; pain behind the eyes and nose
- Bursting at the __; too full
- Celebrity
- Rarin' to go
- Farm machine
- __ over; reads intently
- Flower holders
- Group bath
- Crouch in fear
- Nearly
- National
- Threesome
- Pencil's rubber end
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- Blyth and Curry
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- Folklore fairy
- S, M, L or XL
- Arm or leg
- Vote into office
- Soothing drinks
- Catch sight of
- Office furniture

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- Blacken
- Rubber tube
- "__ what it is"
- Road divider

- Promises to give
- Tasteless
- Canberra's nation: abbr.
- Battery size
- Ice cream parlor order
- Superficial
- Reddish dye
- Not qualified
- Lasso loop
- Mysterious
- Concludes
- Thinks deeply
- Part of a tooth
- Climb __; mount
- Lion's cry
- Coffee sweetener
- Belly button
- Additionally
- Floor cleaners
- Slap
- Breaks in a court trial
- Provide with fresh weapons
- As __ as a boil
- Lost one's footing
- Sing like a bird
- Alabama city
- Banquet
- Pyle or Kovacs
- Actor Tony
- House cat
- Sleep under the stars
- Alimony recipients
- Keep an ice cream cone from dripping
- Allows
- Fleur-de-__

Vatican

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Francis' other main priority has been to raise awareness about human trafficking. The Vatican conference is aimed at showing how both are related: The exploitation of the Earth and its most vulnerable people, with global warming often responsible for creating "environmental refugees" forced to flee homes because of drought or other climate-induced

natural disasters. Francis told the gathering that while he had high hopes about the Paris climate negotiations, he also wanted the United Nations to focus more on human trafficking. "The United Nations has to deal with this," he said. The Vatican is angling for the U.N.'s new Sustainable Development Goals, to be finalized in September, to make a solid reference to the problems of human trafficking and modern-day slavery. □

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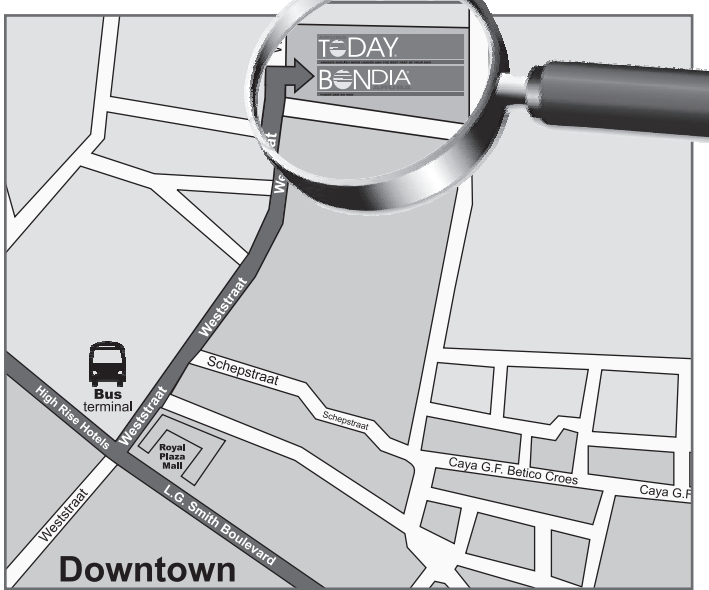
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Searching for ET: Hawking to look for extraterrestrial life

GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The search for extraterrestrial life received a major boost Monday with the launch of an ambitious \$100 million program, backed by famed physicist Stephen Hawking and tech billionaire Yuri Milner.

Combining unprecedented computing capacity with the world's most powerful telescopes, Hawking and the Russian-born Milner seek to intensify the so far fruitless search for life beyond the planet Earth.

It is a coordinated plan to use the latest scientific methods to solve one of mankind's enduring riddles: Are we alone?

Hawking, who speaks using a computer-generated voice due to the effects of motor neuron disease, explained the reason for the project: "We are alive. We are intelligent. We must know."

Milner, who made a fortune through investments in companies like Facebook, said the power of Silicon Valley technology and innovation would be used. "The scope of our search will be unprecedented: a million nearby stars, the galactic center, the entire plane of the Milky Way and 100 nearby galaxies," Milner told a packed press conference at the Royal Society in London.



Renowned physicist Stephen Hawking attends a press conference in London, Monday, July 20, 2015. Associated Press

Organizers say the "Breakthrough Initiatives" project, also endorsed by other prominent British scientists, is the biggest ever scientific search for alien life. It includes a "listening" program — the effort to analyze vast amounts of radio signals in search of signs of life — and a "messaging" program that will include \$1 million in prizes for digital messages that best represent the planet Earth.

The messages will not

be sent, however, in part because some scientists — including Hawking — fear messages sent into space could possibly spur aggressive actions by alien races.

It will be supported by the 100-meter Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia in the United States and the 64-meter Parkes Telescope in New South Wales, Australia.

In addition, the Lick Observatory in California will conduct a deeper-than-ever search for optical laser transmissions.

The project will be 50 times more sensitive than earlier searches, and will cover 10 times more of the sky, organizers say.

It will also make use of SETI@home, a University of California, Berkeley project that uses some 9 million volunteers throughout the world who donate

computer power to search astronomical data for signs of life.

Milner said the search will be entirely transparent and will rely on open-source software so findings can be shared throughout the world.

"Our approach to data will be open and taking advantage of the problem-solving power of social networks," he said.

The researchers say the focused computing power and the use of some of the world's most powerful telescopes will allow them to collect in one day the same amount of data that would have taken one year to collect before the program began.

Milner plans to back the program for at least 10 years although scientists agree it may take longer to find proof that alien life exists.

Hawking said the new program should succeed because it has ample resources: access to time on major telescopes, a huge data capacity, and a long-term financial commitment that will not be withdrawn.

"If a search of this sophistication finds no proof, that is an interesting result," he said. "It will not prove that we are alone but it will narrow the possibilities and it is likely to produce data that is fascinating in its own right."

Based on new information about the number of other worlds where life could have taken hold it is "quite likely" humans are not alone, he said.

"There is no bigger question," Hawking said. "It is time to commit to finding the answer to search for life beyond Earth." □



8-Bit Icons: A look at the video games of 'Pixels'

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Q(asterisk)bert is ready for his close-up.

After bringing Harry Potter and Mrs. Doubtfire to life on the big screen, Chris Columbus' latest film sees the director inserting classic video game characters into the real world. "Pixels" follows a trio of 1980s arcade champions who are recruited by the government to stop an alien force that's taking the form of Donkey Kong and other interactive critters.

"I was excited about bringing these characters to life in a way we haven't seen," said Columbus. "I've done visual effects before, but they've all been reality based. In this particular situation, we were creating 30-foot-tall voxelized, lived-from-within creatures that had to be menacing enough to destroy a city, yet also have a mischievous charm about them."

"Pixels," out Friday, is inspired by the 2010 short film of the same name that depicted old-school games wrecking blocky carnage on New York City. Columbus included imagery from about 20 titles, such as "Burger Time" and "Tetris." During a recent interview on the Sony backlot, the "Home Alone" director discusses bringing the games to life in his movie.

"CENTIPEDE"

For their first mission against the misunderstood extraterrestrials, the "Pixels" protagonists played by Adam Sandler and Josh Gad encounter the slithering baddies who star in the 1981 shoot-'em-up "Centipede." In the movie, behemoth renditions of the game's bugs descend from the sky onto human forces positioned on a soccer field in London.

"I wanted 'Centipede' to be a surrealistic three-dimensional moment," said Columbus. "It's the first time we really insert these characters. For me, I pushed it into 'Yellow Submarine' territory where, in the middle of that scene, it just totally turns psychedelic. You

shouldn't do any mind-altering drugs before you watch that particular sequence of the film."

"PAC-MAN"

An oversized tyrannical take on Pac-Man goes on a chomping spree through the streets of New York as the movie's heroes tail the pellet-eating character in Mini Coopers. Columbus filmed the chase sequence over three-and-a-half weeks by having the actors followed by a yellow golf cart, which was later replaced with a computer-generated Pac-Man.

"The key was that we weren't immersing people into 'Pac-Man' as much as the game was forcing itself onto the streets of Manhattan," said Columbus. "Because the visual-effects toolbox is so giant these days, there's this temptation to do everything CGI, but I wanted a tangible, hand-made quality to the film. We didn't resort to CGI for everything."

"Q(asterisk)BERT"

In the movie, the cube-hopping creature Q(asterisk)bert serves as an intergalactic trophy who eventually becomes a sidekick to the human heroes. Despite his history of speaking only in cartoon bubbles filled with punctuation marks, "The Goonies" and "Gremlins" screenwriter opted to give the aliens' version of Q(asterisk)bert a voice and beef up his role in "Pixels."

"In the first draft of the script, Q(asterisk)bert was there, but we didn't utilize him as much," said Columbus. "When we first started playing around with the designs, I felt like it was my Gizmo moment from 'Gremlins.' I could actually create a fun, loveable character that kids would respond to and add a different element — that not all the aliens are here to kill us."

"DOJO QUEST"

The filmmakers licensed characters from real-world video games for the movie, but they opted to craft a fictional title starring a ninja-fighting heroine named Lady Lisa (played by Ashley Benson), who serves as

an unconventional love interest for Gad's character. To promote "Pixels," Sony released a side-scrolling mobile game resembling "Dojo Quest."

"Lady Lisa was in the first draft of the script, and I thought it would be fun to create just one game that didn't exist back in the '80s," said Columbus. "It never occurred to me not to do it. I felt like we could get away with it. A character like Lara Croft could've worked, but I loved the fact that Josh Gad's character has been pining for this woman all his life."

"DONKEY KONG"

The movie's climatic final battle takes place inside the alien's mothership,



In this Saturday, July 18, 2015 photo, Chris Columbus, director of "Pixels" poses for a portrait at Dave & Buster's, in New York. The movie releases in the U.S. on July 24, 2015.

Associated Press

where filmmakers recreated the original 1981 barrel-jumping game. Columbus called Donkey Kong "the holy grail" of game characters and said talk-

ing Nintendo into allowing them to feature the angry ape required more convincing than any of the other games depicted in "Pixels." □



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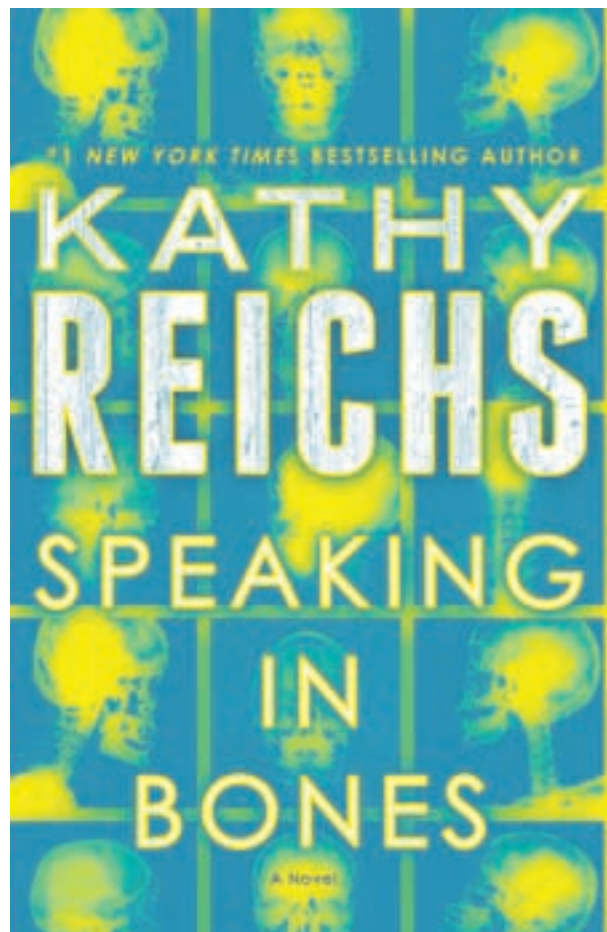






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Review: Temperance Brennan returns in 'Speaking in Bones'



This photo provided by Random House shows the cover of the book, "Speaking in Bones," by author Kathy Reichs.

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Associated Press

A hallmark of Kathy Reichs' Temperance Brennan novels is how she incorporates a solid knowledge of forensics in a way that a novice can understand the intricacies, yet still appeal to an expert in the field.

In "Speaking in Bones," Reichs uses Temperance's work as a forensic anthropologist in an involving, complex plot that combines science, missing persons, fanatical religion and amateur sleuths. This latest novel in the series moves at a brisk pace, taking the reader deep into the investigation.

Hazel "Lucky" Strike belongs to a group of "websleuths," amateur detectives who troll the Internet looking for cold cases they can solve on their own. Lucky wants Temperance to listen to a taped recording she found in the mountains of a

woman being terrorized.

Lucky believes the recording was made by Cora Teague, an 18-year-old who disappeared more than three years ago, and whose bones may be in the Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, medical examiner's lab. Temperance has little use for Lucky and websleuths, but she's intrigued with being able to close any cold case.

The case takes Temperance from Charlotte to rural North Carolina, where she teams up with local deputy Zeb Ramsey, who proves to be a formidable investigator. But the investigation stalls from the beginning. Cora's deeply religious family never reported her as missing, believing she and a local boy had run away, even when more bones are found in the mountains.

While Temperance usually splits her time between North

Carolina and Quebec, Canada, "Speaking in Bones" keeps her grounded in North Carolina, affording a breathtaking view of the state, from its mountain ranges to its rural towns.

Fans of the TV series "Bones," based on Reichs' series, are used to a different Temperance in the novels. While the author occasionally makes reference to the TV series, the Temperance of the printed pages is a bit older and less socially awkward — but both are insightful scientists.

A flaw from the book series' beginning is Temperance's penchant to rush head-on into situations that she knows may be dangerous, as she does in "Speaking in Bones." She's smarter than that.

Despite this, "Speaking in Bones" keeps the suspense high and, for the most part, believable. □

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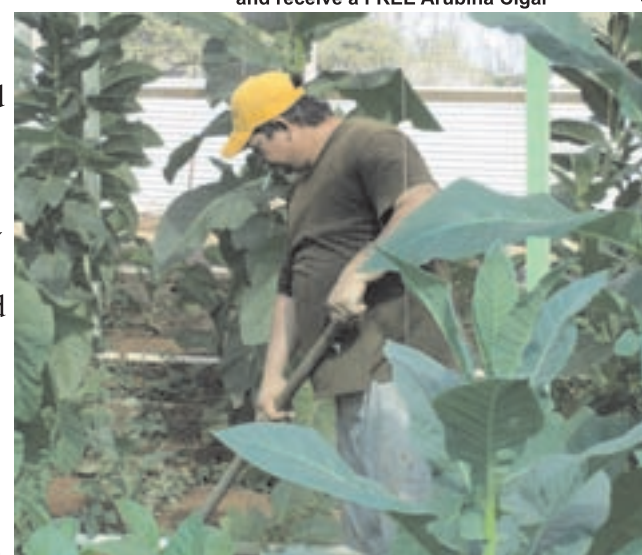
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Aruhiba as a promotion for Aruba through its fine cigars. The company sells Aruhiba to the international markets as well. Visit their retail store located in front of the Historic Dutch Windmill in front of the RIO Hotel, with any purchase of \$20 and up you receive a free "Aruhiba" cigar or ask for their gift box of 5 cigars get 1 FREE for only \$37. They open from Monday to Saturday from 9 am till 6:30 pm and on Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. Aruhiba cigars are now available at the gift stores in your resort and at well-known cigar stores. For their complete selection and attractive by the box prices visit their retail store. Tours are also



Owner Benjamin Petrocchi

available at their Tobacco farm where their cigars are grown and rolled. Winner of the best of Aruba. The best local product. Cigars in Tubes Arubian design.



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